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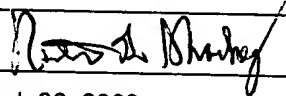
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VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT REGARDING SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

Commissioner for Patents:

The instant application discloses 15 biological sequences, which were filed in a sequence listing on September 25, 2001, in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. Due to an inadvertent typographical error SEQ ID NO: 12 had two nucleotides accidentally deleted from the 5' end. The present Voluntary Amendment is therefore an effort to remedy this deficiency in good faith and without deceptive intent, by submitting a new sequence listing with SEQ ID NO: 12 correctly represented. The identity of the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 12 was disclosed in the specification as filed in the original application on page 20 line 19. Applicants believe the present Amendment places the application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 and WIPO Standard 25. No new subject matter is being added by the incorporation of this Sequence Listing.

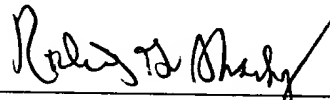
In the Specification:

Please delete the section of the application entitled "Sequence Listing" immediately after the section of the specification entitled "Abstract of the Invention" on page 23 and insert the enclosed Sequence Listing therefor.

REMARKS

The enclosed electronic and paper copies of the Sequence Listing include no new matter that goes beyond the original application as filed. Accordingly, the present amendment, which merely directs the insertion into the specification of the corrected Sequence Listing, includes no subject matter that goes beyond the original application as filed. Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 and WIPO Standard 25.

Respectfully submitted,
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